

# AUSTIN FARM

## Academy

### Newsletter 17/11/2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we have been thinking a lot about how we look after each other and helping people who find themselves in difficult situations.

On Monday, we wore odd socks into school to celebrate our differences as part of anti-bullying week 2023; the theme this year is "Make a Noise" about bullying, if it is happening to you or someone else, don't keep quiet about it but make a noise and let someone know. Mrs Hill led an assembly about the

difference between banter and bullying; if we are always kind to each other that will make the world a much better place for everyone.

On Wednesday, the KS2 children who achieved their AR target got their Golden time reward, they enjoyed being outside in the sunshine playing with the equipment. Keep reading and quizzing for the rest of this term and you might get a reward next term.

Congratulations to some of our children who danced and sang for the Christmas lights switch on in Plymouth last night, you put on a great performance!

Today was Children in Need day and the school was full of spotty children; they enjoyed a Pudsey biscuit at breaktime and raised lots of money for this great charity.

In between all of this the children have still been working hard, see below for what they have done this week.

Parents of children starting school in September 2024 - Applications are now open! Please apply for your child's place in our school online before 15th January.

Advance notice- on the last day of term 19th December after school club will only be available until 4.30pm

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Foundation: we have been learning about the Christmas story and comparing pictures of us as babies with drawings in books of Jesus as a baby. We have learnt about the long journey Mary and Joseph had to go on to get to Bethlehem. We have also started learning our songs for the nativity! We are currently reviewing some sounds in Read, Write, Inc and the children are making excellent progress.



Year 1: we have been using our three little pigs story to spot capital letters. We have learnt that names and place names also have capital letters and are applying this in sentences about the story. In Maths we have been creating fact families and subtracting on a number track.

Year 2: this week year 2 have been writing letters to the man on the moon. We watched a short clip of a little girl finding the man with her telescope and then we had to imagine what we might write to him. We made sure our letters had some questions in as well so we could find out more about him.



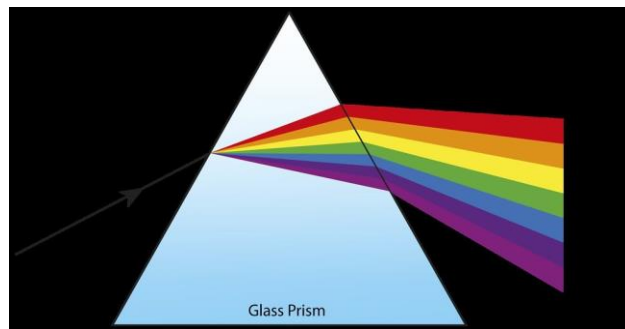
**Year 3:** this week we have been learning more about Hinduism. We have created art work to celebrate the story of Matsya the fish and how Vishnu defeated the demon to protect the Vedas



**Year 4/5:** this week we have been working on filming techniques in computing and have been trialling them out. We used the school digital cameras to record video clips of each other and then used the playback feature to evaluate which technique was the most effective.



**Year 6:** this week we have been developing our knowledge of fractions. The children have worked really hard and shown resilience with this learning. We completed an experiment in Science on refraction of light; we literally saw the arrow 'disappear' through the water! In PE, we used our gymnastic skills and transferred these to working with apparatus – watch out Olympic games 2030, we have some budding gymnasts!



## **Learners of the week, well done everyone!!**

**Foundation:** M.Honeywil

**Year 1:** L.Choak

**Year 2:** O-R Cruickshank

**Year 3:**

**Year 4/5:** K.McDonald

**Year 6:** D.Hutson

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The attendance award goes to yr2 for getting 98% this week.



*1 - Fantastic job everyone!!*

## Dates to remember!!!



**27.11.23 & 29.11.23 - Parent's evenings years 1-6. Please return the letters to your class teacher to book a time.**

**01.12.2023 - Plymouth Half marathon, consent and payment deadline.**

**6.12.23 - Christmas dinner day! You can wear a Christmas jumper to school!**

**12.12.23 & 14.12.23 - EYFS & KS1 Christmas play in the hall at 2.45, parents/carers can come to one performance - no toddlers please.**

**13.12.23 - KS2 Christmas play at 2.30 & 5.00pm, parents/carers can come to one performance - no toddlers please.**

**18.12.23 - Class Christmas parties - you can come to school dressed in your best party clothes.**

## Menu Week 1

| Week One           |  |                            |                                       |                                      |  |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|                    | Monday   | Tuesday                    | Wednesday                             | Thursday                             | Friday                                       |
| Option 1           | Facciotta Margherita   | Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice | Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple        | Meatballs in a Ragù sauce            | Fish Fingers                                 |
| Option 2 (v)       | Veggie Bean Wrap   | Cheese & Potato Pie        | Vegetarian Plait                      | Veggie Balls in a Ragù Sauce         | Veggie Nuggets                               |
| Sides              | Herby Glazed Potato Colcannon or Sweetcorn   | Peas Baked Beans           | Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy | Spaghetti Green beans & Crusty bread | Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans |
| And for pudding    | Pancakes with Banana & Honey   | Chocolate Surprise Brownie | Oat and Sultana Cookies               | Apple Crumble & Custard              | Pip Organic Lollies                          |
| Jackpot Potato     | Cheese, Beans or Tuna  | Cheese, Beans or Tuna      | Cheese, Beans or Tuna                 | Cheese, Beans or Tuna                | Cheese, Beans or Tuna                        |
| Available each day | Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative. |                            |                                       |                                      |  |
| Week starting:     | 30/10/23; 20/11/23; 11/12/23; 08/01/24; 29/01/24; 26/02/24; 16/03/24   |                            |                                       |                                      |  |

| Week Two           |  |                             |   |   |  |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
|                    | Monday   | Tuesday                     | Wednesday                                   | Thursday                                | Friday                                       |
| Option 1           | Macaroni Cheese  | Butchers Sausages & Gravy   | Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing  | Beef Lasagne                            | Filet of Fish                                |
| Option 2 (v)       | Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake  | Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy | Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces | Vegetarian Lasagne                      | Cheese Omelette                              |
| Sides              | Broccoli & Garlic Bread  | Creamed Potatoes & Carrots  | Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy       | Colcannon or Green Beans & Crusty bread | Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans |
| And for pudding    | Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake  | Peach Sponge & Custard      | Arctic roll                                 | Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit salad  | Pip Organic Lollies                          |
| Jackpot Potato     | Cheese, Beans or Tuna  | Cheese, Beans or Tuna       | Cheese, Beans or Tuna                       | Cheese, Beans or Tuna                   | Cheese, Beans or Tuna                        |
| Available each day | Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative. |                             |   |   |  |
| Week starting:     | 06/11/23; 27/11/23; 18/12/2023; 15/01/24; 05/02/24; 04/03/24; 25/03/24   |                             |   |   |  |

| Week Three         |  |                               |                                       |  |  |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
|                    | Monday   | Tuesday                       | Wednesday                             | Thursday                               | Friday                                       |
| Option 1           | Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pocket   | Fish Pie                      | Roast Pork & Apple Sauce              | Beef Bolognaise                        | Jumbo Fish Finger                            |
| Option 2 (v)       | Vegetable Fajita   | Cheese Whiz & Wholemeal Pasta | Quorn and Leek Pastry Puff            | Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognaise     | Veggie Fingers                               |
| Sides              | Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Colcannon  | Peas Baked Beans              | Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy | Penne Pasta Green Beans & Crusty bread | Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans |
| And for pudding    | Strawberry Mousse  | Sticky Toffee Cake & Sauce    | Fruit Jelly                           | Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce     | Pip Organic Lollies                          |
| Jackpot Potato     | Cheese, Beans or Tuna  | Cheese, Beans or Tuna         | Cheese, Beans or Tuna                 | Cheese, Beans or Tuna                  | Cheese, Beans or Tuna                        |
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## Accelerated Reader Golden time

















Children in need 2023





















## SOS-UK CAP letter for parents guardians carers (Primary)



I am writing from SOS-UK to inform you of our recent collaboration with your child's school. We are a student-led education charity focusing on sustainability. We support students and wider society to learn, act and lead for environmental justice.

We recently launched a new project to support schools in the development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP). A CAP is described by the government as "a detailed plan to enable schools to progress or commence sustainability initiatives" and, in accordance with the Departments for Education's latest Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy, all schools in England will need to have one in place by 2025.

Here at SOS-UK, we are helping bring this vision to life with a multifaceted project centred on increasing students' confidence, ability to work well in teams and love of learning. Through this program, your child will gain access to a number of exciting opportunities through which they can develop their

communication skills and independence. These include: collaborating across the whole school community, working with an energy professional, and speaking with a real life climate scientist!

We hope you see the numerous benefits of this project and kindly ask that you encourage your child to take part.

**Sincerely,**

**The sos-uk team**





STUDENTS  
ORGANISING FOR  
SUSTAINABILITY  
UNITED KINGDOM



**Dear parents, carers, and guardians,**



**SOS-UK.ORG**

## Social Media



**We are increasingly having to deal with issues at school that are actually from inappropriate or unkind use of social media. Please check your child's mobile phone daily to monitor the messages they are sending and receiving, particularly the language they are using. This is a parent's responsibility rather than a school one, we can educate them but not monitor their devices.**

Term time holidays- - Is it worth it ?



**Mulitple families have now been issued fines from Plymouth County Council due to taking their child/ren out of school during term time. Please follow the link below to understand the charges and potential legal action that these holidays can result in.**

[School attendance and absence | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://plymouth.gov.uk/school-attendance-and-absence)

## Attendance.

Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. The higher a child's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments. We are implementing new procedures to help parents get their children to school.

### **Do you know your child's attendance ?**

95% Attendance - 2 whole weeks of school missed.

90% Attendance - 4 whole weeks of school missed.

85% Attendance - 6 whole weeks of school missed.

80% Attendance - 8 whole weeks of school missed.

75% Attendance - 9 plus whole weeks of school missed.

5 minutes late, does it really matter ?



Lateness = Lost Learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

- **5 Minutes late each day - 3 days lost**
- **10 Minutes late each day - 6.5 days lost**
- **15 Minutes late each day - 10 days lost**



- 20 Minutes late each day - 13 days lost
- 30 Minutes late each day - 19 days lost

## Term dates

### WeST Term Dates

2023 to 2024

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#### Important dates

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To view this calendar with all formatting and layout, on the View tab, choose Reading View.

**Autumn Term Dates** Monday 4 September to Friday 20 October then Monday 30 October to Tuesday 19 December

Term 1 33 days Term 2 36 days School NPD Monday 4 WeST NPD Tuesday 5 September WeST NPD Monday 30 October

**Spring Term Dates** Wednesday 3 January to Friday 9 February then Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

Term 3 28 days Term 4 28 days WeST NPD Monday 19 February

**Summer Term Dates** Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May then Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July

Term 5 29 days Term 6 35 days School NPD Monday 22/23 July

Three Trust NPD's and three school NPD's. 189 teaching days in total.

Peach – holiday periods, Purple weekends, Green Trust NPD's, Blue School NPD's.

## Children's Appointments!



SpaDental South-West

SpaDental Plymouth and SpaDental Saltash

invite children under 12 years of age

for NHS appointments

Book an appointment today!



To book an appointment, or for more information, please scan the QR code or visit the link:

<https://www.spadental.co.uk/for-patients/spadental-south-west-children/>

to complete the "contact us" form.

SpaDental Plymouth: 2 Hyde Park Rd, Mutley, PL3 4RJ

SpaDental Saltash: 77 Fore St, Saltash, PL12 6AF

Help your child keep healthy teeth for life.

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## Safeguarding posters

